

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

MINUTES OF THE 5/21/2013 MEETING

The Meeting convened at 1:00pm at the Gashes Creek Road Recreation Division Office.

Those attending: Jan Banks, Ed Brown, Michael Lathrop, Richard Leatherman, Allan Perkal, Gayle Sovinee, Chris Tyler, Ken Vasilik, Debra Collington

Guests: Alyce Knafllich,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions were made by the attendees.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the 4/16/13 meeting minutes be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Vasilik reported the balance of our budget to be \$563.48

Vice Chair, Richard Leatherman presided over meeting for Ron Kennedy, Chair

Old Business

By Laws discussion:

Article 4 wording discussed and clarification discussion, Article discussed adding Veterans Forum, tabled until next meeting

Group Photo:

MCVA Photo taken

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Will take place this year (July 26th, 27th, 28th), Gayle requesting volunteers to set up and operate booth, Gayle to acquire passes for set up which can not happen until Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

Assistance requested from VRQ for set up and tear down, Ron Kennedy to reply

Request made for VRQ to provide water, Ron Kennedy to Reply

Gayle requested additional \$100 for fans and batteries, motioned seconded and approved
Vietnam Veterans of America will have own booth this year

Memorial Day:

Received Programs for Memorial Day event

Wreath received total cost \$266, Gayle to store wreath and stand

The Downtown Association has cancelled plans to have a symphony. Chris Tyler volunteered to oversee set up and monitoring of the sound system provided by VRQ.

VRQ to provide ice and water
1:30 pm for setup, VRQ to provide 3 volunteers
Press release submitted and to be posted at VAMC and VRQ
State and Local Representatives invited
Boy Scouts to handle parking, Parking is free on holidays

Veteran Forum:

Gayle and Allan reported possible dates of October 12th or 19th for event to line up with a drill weekend
Gayle to handle Public Relations
Location TBD
Event Flier and Invites to be handled by Allan
Suggested Reserve Center due to location
Mobile Vet center to attend, Daniel Boyd contact
Can City receive funds for vendor table at Veterans Forum?
Need to contact Mayor concerning possible restaurant vendors?

New Business

Meeting with Mayor conducted discussing MCVA continuance after she leaves office,
Budget and Committee to continue

Ken Vasilik needs to acquire books, financials from previous Treasurer

City Council to decide continuing support of budget and support of City produced events.
The final public hearing on the proposed budget held on 6/11/2013. Ron Kennedy attended and spoke in front of City Council in support of continuing events.

By Laws discussion

Announcement, Events, and Closing Comments

Michael Lathrop Change of Command will be 17 June at 1300

Woman's Hotline-outreach 855-va woman

June 13th 6 pm AMVets –Humana dinner at 5pm

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 18th, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Recreation Division Office on Gashes Creek Rd.

